



NSLI-Y Korean Academic Year 2011-2012 Program Description Implemented by iEARN-USA



Target Language: Korean

Overseas Partner Institution: YES International

Overseas Host Institutions: Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea during the summer; High schools in Seoul, Iksan, Jeonju and Bucheon during the academic year

Accommodations: Host families in Seoul, Iksan, Jeonju or Bucheon

Pre-Departure Orientation: June 26-28, 2011 in New York City

Program Dates: June 29, 2011 to June 2012

Target Language Instruction: 4 hours per day during summer for a total of 120 hours; 6 hours per week during academic year program

Program Overview

NSLI-Y Korean Academic Year students first attend the six-week Summer Korean Language Intensive Program at Sogang University in Seoul in preparation for their long-term program. The Academic Year program begins in mid-August when students transfer from the summer program to their new communities.

The academically rigorous six-week NSLI-Y Pre-Academic Year Intensive Korean Summer Language Program runs from June 29 to August 14 and includes the following:

- 120 hours of Korean language instruction at Sogang University
- A “Buddy Program” with Korean university students that offers organized language-enhancement opportunities
- Homestay accommodations with a Korean host family
- Guided excursions with local tour guides
- Courses on Korean cuisine, history, art, music and Taekwondo

Classes provide a creative environment for students to practice their Korean skills with a focus on speaking and listening comprehension skills. Activities and homework assignments are theme-based, and include structured opportunities to practice language skills outside the classroom. Korean is the primary language of instruction and students are expected to speak only Korean in class and during program-related language events. Over the course of the six weeks, students maintain a portfolio of their language work and progress. Upon completion all students receive grades from Sogang University, based on their performance in class and progress in the language as shown on tests or quizzes.

The NSLI-Y Academic Year Intensive Korean Language Program runs from mid-August until June 2012. Students are placed in one of the following cities: Bucheon, Iksan, Jeonju or Seoul. Program features include the following:

- Minimum of 6 hours of Korean language tutoring per week
- Homestay accommodations with a Korean host family
- Enrollment in a local high school
- Monthly cultural excursions with other NSLI-Y participants

All high school classes are taught in Korean and may include literature, science, art, music, math, Korean history and others. During the academic year component of the program, students have fewer program-sponsored activities and much time will be spent with host families. During the winter school break (January to February 2012), all NSLI-Y students participate in a program with Korean youth to further practice and develop their Korean language skills. Students also participate in local community service projects.

Living Arrangements/Participant Support and Supervision

Students live with host families throughout the program to further enhance their Korean language skills and cultural understanding. Students on the year-long program live with two or, possibly, three different host families; one during the summer portion of the program in Seoul, a second for the academic year portion of the program and a third during the winter break. Host families are identified and screened by staff at the local high schools and YES International. Program coordinators do their best to match the needs and interests of the students with those of the host families. Generally, host families live within 30 minutes from the high school. Depending on the homestay location, students may walk, take public transportation, or ride a school bus to their school. A bilingual Resident Director provides support and supervision to students throughout the program year. The program provides cell phones to all participants for emergency use.

Textbooks and Materials

Textbooks and materials are provided by Sogang University and are supplemented with authentic and current language materials including short newspaper articles, radio listening exercises and other relevant Korean materials.

Final Project

Students present and showcase their final language portfolios during a formal gathering of all participants at the end of the program. Students may choose to present on a specific topic in their portfolio, including their experience with cultural activities.

Please keep in mind that program details may be subject to change.